



ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AWARDS

Blended landscape home wins big

An award-winning Kennedy's Bush home takes full advantage of its dramatic location, writes EWAN SARGENT.

A Christchurch home that effortlessly blends into the landscape is one of the national winners in the 2015 Architectural Design Awards. Designers New Zealand Resene

Architectural Design Awards. Designer Robert Weir's work on a large Kennedy's Bush house won him the best Residential New Home award for properties larger than 300 square metres.

The awards were presented at the ADNZ's annual conference in Christchurch on Friday.

The home had already won Weir a Canterbury-Westland regional award earlier this year.

Weir, from Weirwalker Architecture, was asked to create a bold and striking contemporary home that took full advantage of the stunning northerly views.

Simple materials were used with textured precast concrete facade panels providing a raw, strong and primal base element for the home. Judges commented that the building and the landscape seemed to grow together and complement each other.

ADNZ chief executive Astrid Andersen says Weir's design takes full advantage of the home's dramatic location and clever positioning.

"The Residential New Home is

a popular category and I am delighted to see a Christchurch home take out the top spot."

The other Christchurch winner was Cymon Allfrey of

Cymon Allfrey Architects who won the Supreme Resene Colour in Design Award for the EPL building at the foot of the Port Hills in a newly established industrial area. Judges were

particularly impressed in the high quality of light playing out in the large space.

Another nine national design awards were awarded throughout the country. The supreme award

went to a health and science centre at Waiariki Institute of Technology in Rotorua.

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The award-winning Kennedy's Bush home at dusk. The judges praised it as a well-resolved plan that used simple, robust forms that gave high-quality spaces inside and out.

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Inside features spacious, clean lines.



The "raw, primal" building materials used appealed to the judges.